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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

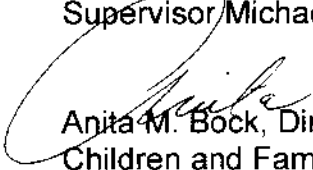
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ADDENDUM OCTOBER 2, 2001 MOTION: TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

This is an addendum to our response to an October 2, 2001 motion by Supervisor Gloria Molina, amended by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky regarding transition age youth. The Board directed the Department of Children and Family Services in conjunction with Mental Health to review existing cases of 18 to 21 year old adults at MacLaren Children's Center for the purpose of identifying the outstanding needs that must be met for these youth to emancipate from Juvenile Court and Department of Children and Family Services supervision and why emancipation planning efforts have failed to meet the emancipation needs of these young adults.

The attached responses to your questions are provided from our North and South County operations for each of the 12 young adults presently housed at MacLaren Children's Center who are 18 years of age or older. I've included the responsible Regional Administrator for each case and have instructed them to take appropriate follow-up actions. Your staff may feel free to contact them directly with any case specific questions.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Section at (213) 351-5530.

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RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION – YOUTH 18 YEARS OLD AND OLDER AT MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER

This is in response to your request for revised information on the six youth from South County Offices who are currently residing at MacLaren Children's Center and are 18 or 19 years old.

Betsy Azariah, RA (323) 290-8437

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Melissa W. , 18 years old, was arrested for assaulting staff at MCC in June 2001. The charges were dismissed and she was subsequently released to DCFS. In order for Melissa to successfully emancipate from the Department she will have to be placed in an adult facility that can assist her in finding a job, maintaining a check book, renting an apartment and adjusting to independence. Further, Melissa's current medication is Seroquel and Deparkote. Melissa will need assistance with being able to discipline herself to take the medication without being reminded.	Melissa's special needs were recognized as soon as the CSW received the case. Melissa's special needs were emphasized on 02/09/2001. Melissa assaulted a staff worker from Rosemary Children's Services. Melissa was hospitalized and subsequently placed at MacLaren Children's Center (MCC). While at MCC Melissa refused to be placed at Starview Children Center. Immediately, a conservator was sought. Unfortunately, Melissa attacked a staff worker from MCC, was arrested and taken to Los Padrinos on 06/11/01. Melissa remained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall or Central Juvenile Hall from 06/11/2001 to 11/30/2001.	The current plan for Melissa to emancipate from the Department is for Melissa to continue her ILP classes while at MCC, and interview with adult programs that are appropriate. Further, due to Melissa's previous violent behavior she should exhibit stability while at MCC and an adult facility placement. Once accepted into a program or facility and Melissa appears to be stable, DCFS can recommend termination of jurisdiction.

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	<p>Melissa W. (cont'd) The court was deciding whether to release Melissa to DCFS or to turn her into a 602 Juvenile Probation Status. Melissa's many and frequent hospitalizations and arrest, hindered her emancipation efforts including but not limited to completing the Independent Living Program, graduating from High School, attending job training, and saving money for emancipation</p> <p>Before the 6/11/2001 arrest, Melissa had many hospitalizations, which hindered her progress in emancipating from the Department when she turned 18. Melissa has taken Independent Living Program (ILP) classes, but has not been able to finish due to her many hospitalizations.</p>	

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<p>Jerome S. , 18 years old is scheduled to graduate in June 2002. Jerome will need to graduate from high school before DCFS can emancipate him. He successfully completed the ILP course on 12/21/00.</p> <p>Jerome has been accepted at Hillview Mental Health Center, is on the waiting list</p>	<p>Jerome's special needs were recognized when he became a dependent of Juvenile Dependency in January, 1997, because of his violent, assaultive behavior, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, depression and mental health illness, Bi-polar disorder. Jerome was placed in an emancipation group home in June 2000 and was re-placed</p>	<p>Continue efforts to secure transitional housing with a mental health emphasis. Jerome has expressed willingness to be placed with Hillview. It is believed that this placement will meet Jerome's mental health needs and assist him with emancipation goals. However, at the present time there are no vacancies. He was assigned a case manager</p>
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<p>Jerome S. (cont'd) for transitional housing and has been assigned a case manager. Hillview will assist Jerome with his mental health issues.</p> <p>Other mental health transitional housing programs that are suitable for Jerome's needs will not accept him and/or have no vacancies at this time. Therefore, if housing becomes available for Jerome, who is a recipient of SSI, then his case could be terminated because he will have housing and support for his mental health needs.</p> <p>Additionally, Jerome is on informal probation with delinquency court and he can not be emancipated until he is terminated by Probation. He returns to court in March 2002.</p>	<p>due to his non-compliance with services, assaultive and negative behavior. He was placed at Erikson Center in January 2001. CSW convinced Erikson Center to give Jerome another chance in order for him to complete school and emancipate and he was returned in July 2001. He ran away again and was placed at MacLaren Children's Center in August 2001. He ran away, got arrested for shoplifting in September 2001 and was placed at MacLaren Children's Center again.</p> <p>Jerome is in denial about his mental health needs. He would benefit most from transitional housing with a mental health emphasis. Since Jerome has not completed high school and obtained a diploma or GED our emancipation programs are not able to service him until he receives one or the other.</p>	<p>on 11/28/01. CSW will maintain contact with Hillview's case manager and get updates on the housing situation and ensure that Jerome attends school on a regular basis in order for him to graduate. We will also enlist the assistance of Jerome's attorney if Jerome fails to comply with school attendance and participation. The CSW will contact Jerome's counselor at MCC and request that focus be given on goal setting. Currently, Jerome does not demonstrate much motivation to emancipate.</p>

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<p>Johnton L. was taken to a pre-placement interview at the San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Transitional Housing program on 12-07-01. CSW is expecting to receive an answer regarding the child's acceptance soon. This program will allow Johnnton to successfully emancipate because of the intense structure the program offers; such as daily therapy groups, twenty- four hour supervision in a small home setting (Bassett house), educational assistance and job training</p>	<p>Johnton's special emancipation needs were recognized as soon as his current CSW received the case on 07-10-00. Johnnton was placed at Starview residential treatment facility on 07-14-00, where he was receiving daily therapy, attending school and planning for emancipation. Johnnton had already completed the Independent Living Skills classes at West Los Angeles Community College on 04-08-99.</p> <p>The original emancipation plan for Johnnton was placement in a mental health transitional housing program. This decision was made after the ILP Coordinator informed the CSW that the child was not eligible for regular transitional housing, due to his extensive mental health history. Further, Johnnton's adult sibling, Jerrell L. informed CSW that she was willing to have Johnnton placed with her upon emancipation and he desperately wanted to be placed with her. Mrs. Lewis consistently had overnight weekend visits with Johnnton since his placement at Starview. Therefore CSW</p>	<p>If Johnnton is not accepted into the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Transitional Housing program, the Department may need to seek residence for him in an adult board and care facility. His social security benefits (which are expected to be approved in the next three months) will pay for room, board and meals. However, Johnnton will be expected to supervise himself, which will be a hardship given his limited abilities. Johnnton completed the Independent Living Skills classes at West Los Angeles Community College on 04-08-99. If necessary, the Department will ensure that Johnnton completes ILP classes for a second time.</p>

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	<p>Johnton L. cont'd.</p> <p>assumed the relative placement would be successful. Johnnton was placed with Mrs. L. after his eighteenth birthday on 04-11-01. Unfortunately, Mrs. L. requested the child be removed from her care on 06-25-01, due to behavioral problems.</p> <p>Johnton was denied Regional Center services on February 3, 2000 because he does not have a substantially handicapping developmental disability. The Regional Center assessment team determined that Johnnton has severe emotional and behavioral problems rather than a severe developmental disability, thus eliminating Regional Center placements. Further, the Department of Mental Health has very few resources for emancipating youth. Johnnton has already been denied acceptance in almost every other mental health facility/Transitional Housing Program; such as Hillview Mental Health, Pennylane, Sycamores, Portals and the Village. Most of these rejections are based on the facility's lack of current</p>	

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	<p>Johnton L. (cont'd) openings or non-compliance in the interviewing process. Due to Johnnton's paranoid disorder, he has trouble answering interview questions, especially regarding his family history and feelings about himself</p>	
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<p>Anthony M. is a 19-year-old male who is enrolled in the 12th grade at Park West High School in Pomona, California. He needs 37 credits to graduate. Anthony is scheduled to graduate in February 2002. Anthony is also participating in a computer class in Pomona to which DCFS is providing Court ordered transportation and from which Anthony receives a weekly stipend. Anthony has expressed concerns that he does not wish to change schools in his 12th grade year. The case remains open due to Anthony needing to complete high school before DCFS can successfully emancipate him.</p>	<p>Anthony's special emancipation needs were recognized on 10/06/00 when he was declared a dependent child of the court. Anthony is currently residing at Maclaren Children's Center as a result of his group home, Kevin Mac, being under investigation for inadequate supervision. Anthony completed ILP and will obtain his high school diploma in February 2002 from Park West High School.</p> <p>DCFS along with the court generally keep cases open until the young adult has successfully completed high school with a diploma or GED, or has received training for a trade which will assist the young adult in providing for his or herself. The Department's Emancipation program does</p>	<p>Pending Anthony's graduation from high school in February 2002, the CSW has initiated the following services:</p> <p>The CSW continues efforts to locate a placement near Anthony's high school. Efforts have been hindered by his age as DCFS has limited placements which will accept young adults 18 years and older. Additionally, the CSW has received incident reports from MCC indicating that Anthony is using marijuana, making sexually related propositions to female residents, failing to adhere to MCC rules as it relates to him leaving and returning to the grounds. These incident reports must be reported to potential placements compounding the difficulty in locating suitable placement.</p> <p>On 12/12/01, the CSW secured a completed</p>
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	<p>Anthony M. (cont'd)</p> <p>not service children until they have obtained their high school diploma or its equivalent.</p>	<p>Transitional Housing Application from Anthony. The CSW and Anthony have explored the possibility of Anthony joining Job Corp, which will provide housing and financial support and training in a specific trade. The CSW has submitted Anthony to Incentives for Graduating Seniors.</p>

Linda Webb, RA (562) 903-5105

<p>Lauren F., age eighteen years, was admitted to Maclaren on July 27, 2001. Lauren has a history of assaultive, violent behavior, and being uncooperative in placements. Lauren has experienced 15 failed placements, including level 12 group home and D-rate foster homes since 1995 and numerous psychiatric hospitalizations.</p> <p>In order for Lauren to successfully emancipate, she needs to participate in the process. In addition to housing services, Lauren needs a form of financial support, and to take the GED, as she is too far behind in credits to graduate from high school.</p>	<p>Lauren's emancipation needs have been recognized since 1997. Emancipation planning efforts began in earnest in 1998. Lauren has had an Early Start to Emancipation Planning contract and received emancipation preparation classes. She has participated in therapeutic counseling, wrap-around services, and psychological services. Lauren has also had regular individualized education plan meetings. Lauren has been assessed by Regional Center and found not eligible for services.</p> <p>To date, services for Lauren have not been effective because Lauren has not been able to maintain a stable placement and frequently refuses services. Reunifying with Lauren's parents is not an option. Her mother's whereabouts are unknown. Lauren reunified with her</p>	<p>At this point, the plan is for Lauren to work towards her GED, interview for transitional housing program placements, and apply for SSI funding.</p> <p>On 11/19/01, Lauren was referred to the following programs funded by SSI and the Department of Mental Health: Bridges, Inc in El Monte, CA; Dept MH Long-Term Care Program, Los Angeles; MHA Village Transitional Youth Program. These programs require SSI benefits or determination that minor would be eligible for interim funding pending completion of application. On 8/27/01, a request for the SSI application was faxed to the hotline/Covina office, but an application was not initiated as requested. Therefore, the CSW has now completed the SSI application and submitted the completed packet on</p>
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	<p>Lauren F. (cont'd)</p> <p>father once before, but had to be detained when she attacked her father with a kitchen knife, and he discharged a gun to scare her off.</p> <p>Since Lauren has been at MacLaren, she declined Transitional Living placements at Lakeview in Lancaster because she felt it was too far for her to continue court ordered visits with her father. A representative from Hillview Mental Health Center, Lakeview Terrace reviewed Lauren's records and declined to accept her because of her aggressive/violent behavior.</p>	<p>December 12, 2001.</p> <p>On 12/13/01 Lauren interviewed with YES, Transitional Housing Placement Program. The program is directed at youth between the ages of 16 –19, a senior in high school and/or planning to obtain a GED and who is ready for a less restrictive living arrangements.</p>

Helen Maxwell, RA (310) 312-7916

<p>Doron B., age 19 years. Since the CSW has successfully procured SSI funding and has located a Transitional Housing Program that appears to meet Doron's needs, the current need is for assistance with interim funding until the SSI checks start arriving.</p> <p>We have asked for interim funding so that Doron can be replaced from MacLaren to the housing program</p>	<p>It has been apparent that Doron has emotional and cognitive issues, which might affect emancipation planning. These issues include numerous psychiatric hospitalizations, suicidal ideation, the need for special education services, low academic functioning, inappropriate sexual acting-out, and oppositional/defiant behavior.</p> <p>Discussions about emancipation began in 1998.</p>	<p>The CSW's plan for emancipation remains for Doron to be placed at Portals with interim/start up funding and then to terminate him from court jurisdiction. To that end, a meeting is scheduled for ILP administration, Portals administration, and line staff for 12/14/01.</p>
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<p>Doron B. (cont'd)</p> <p>immediately, but have been refused. We have appealed this on several levels, to no avail.</p> <p>Once Doron is placed at the Portals program and stabilizes, the CSW will recommend termination of court jurisdiction.</p>	<p>The youth was referred to ILP on 10/07/1999.</p> <p>In December 1999, Doron was targeted to begin ILP classes in January 2000. He subsequently completed only one ILP class.</p> <p>On 04/20/99, CSW assisted Doron in completing an initial Emancipation Preparation Contract. In this document, he wrote, "I don't want no help" and "none of you can help me."</p> <p>Doron was placed at an emancipation facility in Orange County in January 2001. However, the youth refused to attend school, nor would he pursue employment options or comply with program rules. Dysfunctional behaviors included property damage, AWOLs, and cigarette smoking.</p> <p>CSW made the initial application for SSI benefits for Doron in February, 2001 because it was becoming increasingly apparent that Doron was unable to participate successfully in normal emancipation planning.</p>	

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	<p>Doron B. (cont'd)</p> <p>Doron received--or was offered--the following services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tutoring 2. Special education services 3. ILP classes 4. Participation in Rites of Passage 5. Employment assistance 6. Oasis 7. Emancipation placement 8. Psychotherapy 9. Medication management 10. Participation in Starview's after-care program 11. Participation in the Explorer Program 12. Psychological and psychoeducational evaluations 13. Counseling, guidance, encouragement, advice, and remonstrations regarding planning for his future. 14. Application for and subsequent approval of SSI benefits <p>Doron has experienced multiple placement failures and often not remained in one facility long enough to obtain needed services, such as completing ILP classes. Additionally, he has refused to participate in the ILP</p>	

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	<p>Doron B. (cont'd)</p> <p>program on several occasions. The youth's affect and mood are variable; there is chronic depression, as well as occasional oppositional defiant behavior. Doron refuses antidepressant medication. He has refused to be placed in several facilities for his own perceived reasons.</p> <p>There is a lack of transitional funding for youth in this age bracket with outstanding mental health needs that do not qualify for semi-independent housing options such as the established Transitional Housing Program. The one program that has a contract with DCFS for this category of youth is Hillview Mental Health and they have not had any recent openings</p>	

CHILD'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)	AGE	CASE #	REGION	RA AND TELEPHONE # CSW'S NAME
Shonta E.	19	5458446/BK05496	I - Covina	Rex White, RA (626) 858-1600 Quang Nguyen, CSW

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

Minor was placed in an Emancipation Home after completing High School, ILP, and enrolling in Community College. Shonta had a physical Altercation at the home and was kicked out. Shonta was awol until he was found residing with his adult brother and sister-in-law. Live-scan on brother was clean; however, the sister-in-law had a felony conviction and a charge of domestic violence in 09/2001. County counsel, in compliance with state regulations, ordered Shonta removed and, since no one was willing to take in an almost 19 year old, he was cleared into MCC. Shonta needs a stable residence, mental health services including reevaluation for psychotropic medication for anger management issues and counseling/therapy. After Shonta turned 18, he stopped counseling and refused to take previously prescribed psychotropic medication.

WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR?

Current case records date back from 1999 to 2001. During this period of time Shonta was hospitalized in the Psychiatric Hospital for uncontrollable temper and anger management issues. Shonta acknowledged that he had these problems. Case records indicate that he moved from group homes to emancipation homes. Also, after he turned 18, he stopped counseling/therapy and psychotropic medication. Without pulling the historical file, I'm sure that his anger management problems manifested themselves at an earlier age. In fact, while attending high school ROTC he was placed in the home of a retired military person. Unfortunately, this placement failed as well because of Shonta's problems with authority figures. Ms. Menzell, the former CSW for Shonta is now a supervisor in the Emancipation Housing program and, with her knowledge of this case, she was approached for guidance, direction and resources. I was told that Shonta would need an emancipation home with a mental health component, ie., a program in the San Fernando Valley. I was then told that there are no vacancies.

CSW and SCSW have contacted a number of emancipation homes and we are given a variety of reasons why he cannot be placed... (1) he's too old, (2) We are not taking new referrals for at least one year, (3) An emancipation supervisor said he needs to be in an emancipation home with a mental-health component; however, when we look for one, there are no vacancies. We have contacted Ms. Connie Rex, ILP coordinator, who suggested we contact Lorraine Johnson, explain Shonta's plight and see if he qualifies for a private emancipation program. We are also looking into Job Corps and CCC, which, I've been told, is much quicker than Job Corps. Shonta does not wish to return to his brother and sister-in-law; instead, he would like to be placed into another emancipation home. He has said he would follow the rules, work, take meds if prescribed and follow all rules and regulations.

Shonta was having difficulties with school and a tutor was obtained to help him with subjects such as math. Shonta showed much improvement and graduated from high school. Shonta also successfully completed two ILP programs

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NOW TO EMANCIPATE THIS YOUTH FROM DEPENDENCY STATUS AND DCFS SUPERVISION?

Shonta had been placed in the same foster family home for six (6) years (1994-2000). The incident that resulted in his removal from this home involved assaultive behavior including trying to strangle a staff member with a seat belt and throwing a television and injuring another staff member. San Bernardino police were called and he was temporarily detained. Though all charges were dropped, Command Post took Shonta to MCC. His previous home did not want him back due to liability and anger management issues. This continues to be the ongoing concern with any attempt to place Shonta. Shonta completed in-house ILP and ILP placement. TILP signed April 2000 indicates that Shonta's problems revolve around anger management and that he has no special needs problems. This document also indicates that Shonta's mother is mentally ill. At this point we must follow through on the different alternatives described in part two of this document.

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CHILD'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)	AGE	CASE #	REGION	RA AND TELEPHONE # CSW'S NAME
Chonita McK	19	1623319	1	Rex White, RA (626) 858-1600 Juan M. Ferguson, CSW

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

1) Chonita can be successfully emancipated. The Court has ordered that she complete her GED in order to be emancipated. The CSW has provided this adult dependent with her Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. Chonita is in the process of obtaining her California ID. Chonita is also considering finding her own occupation and housing with her 34-year old boyfriend who was recently paroled from prison. The Department admonished her for this relationship when she was a minor, prior to the current CSW accepting the case. Chonita is also interested in living with her older sister, Ann Lezit-Shivers, but it doesn't appear feasible because her sister has an open PP case with the Department and is about to give birth to twins.

WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR?

2) Chonita has indicated she would prefer to remain at MCC until she graduates from their school. CSW has informed her that this is not an option the Department can support. CSW has made referrals for Chonita to attend adult schools near her placements prior to her current placement at MCC and during her tenure there. Chonita has sabotaged these attempts to get her GED by refusing to pre-test, attend classes and/or take the GED test when it is scheduled. Chonita refuses to apply for acceptance into a shelter. She has continued to show indifference about Transitional housing options, as well.

CSW received this case a month after minor turned 18. CSW initially did an Ex Parte Application for this adult dependent to be emancipated, but the court continued the permanent plan of long term foster care. CSW attempted to place minor in a group home setting, but due to her age and behavior she was not initially accepted into a program.

Chonita completed the ILP program on 9/2/98. Since that time she has been terminated from 2 emancipation programs prior to AWOLing from Arrowhead Emancipation program and turning herself in after her 18th birthday. Chonita was terminated from LaPetite Academy prior to her current placement at MCC for an altercation with staff.

Chonita has objected to any placement involving transitional housing or shelter. She is not interested in emancipating and sabotages interviews for placement or programs. She has refused to remain at the MCC facility on the days of activity specifically involving her eventual emancipation. This CSW has exhausted efforts to place minor, reason with minor or influence minor. Chonita is aware of this CSW's concern for her well being and has attempted to manipulate staff to help her to remain at MCC. She has stated in court that she is interested in remaining at MCC to receive enough credits to graduate. Although CSW and other collateral staff have informed her this is not realistic or practical, this is her ambition.

CSW recommends that Chonita follow through with obtaining residence at her sister, Ann Lezit Shivers' home, and with a referral to enroll in GED classes. Recently, Chonita applied to be a Youth Worker for the County of Los Angeles. Chonita applied to Job Corps on 11/21/01, but according to ILP Coordinator, Angie Robles, Chonita has been reluctant to independently follow-up on her application. CSW suggested that she refrain from AWOLing from MCC again because, the Assessment worker has stated that he would give her a 7-day notice if that behavior was seen again. CSW is appearing in Court on 12/21/01 to address these issues to the Court and recommend termination at or before the next 15-day report if the above plan is declared appropriate and acceptable to terminate jurisdiction and emancipate.

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3) Chonita stated that she is interested in following through with her Job Corps application, which she completed on 11/21/01. According to Angie Robles, ILP coordinator at MCC, Chonita is scheduled for an interview with Job Corps on 12/14/01. There is a two to four week consideration period for her application. Her anticipated emancipation date thus becomes 01/15/02, if this plan is completed by the client. John Gilbert, Chonita's MCC Assessment worker, stated that Chonita has taken 2 day passes this week. They were to: 1) apply for California ID to assist her in her job acquisition and 2) apply for occupation at a Candy Factory in Azusa. CSW will follow-up on these recent developments in attempt to emancipate Chonita sooner if she chooses to accept a job offer.

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Manuela M.	18	1941-6114865	V	Russ Carr, RA (626) 229-3738 Kourken Shrikian, CSW
WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT Manuela needs to complete high school and be placed into a Mental Health Transitional Housing setting for ongoing supervision and care.				
WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR? These needs have been met. Manuela is scheduled for placement on 12/14/01.				
WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NOW TO EMANCIPATE THIS YOUTH FROM DEPENDENCY STATUS AND DCFS SUPERVISION? <i>As of December 14th, 2001, Manuela M was placed in the San Fernando Valley Emancipation home.</i>				

CHILD'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)	AGE	CASE #	REGION	RA AND TELEPHONE # CSW'S NAME
Charles G.	18	6076902	V	Russ Carr, RA (626)229-3738 Asunta Barnes, CSW
WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT? High School diploma, Transitional or Adult Living Housing.				
WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR? Searching for placement. Minor was in a stable placement for 3 years, replaced two times for negative school behavior, non-compliance, and drug usage. Suitable placement, which would benefit minor, has been hard to find due to 3rd grade math & reading levels and minimal living skills.				
WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NOW TO EMANCIPATE THIS YOUTH FROM DEPENDENCY STATUS AND DCFS SUPERVISION? <i>As of December 14th, 2001, Charles G was emancipated to Job Corp.</i>				

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CHILD'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)	AGE	CASE #	REGION	RA AND TELEPHONE # CSW'S NAME
LUIS R.	18	ST# 8100187 CWS# 0361-9020-2864-4020186	III METRO NORTH	Tedji Dessalegn, RA (213) 639-4813 ELENA LAM, CSW

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

LUIS NEEDS HIS INS GREEN CARD. COURT HAS REFUSED TO TERMINATE OR ALLOW DCFS TO RETURN LUIS TO HIS MOTHER'S HOME UNTIL HE RECEIVES THE GREEN CARD. LUIS' NEED FOR INS GREEN CARD WAS IDENTIFIED IN APRIL 2001 WHEN HE WAS ORDERED TO PP SERVICES (INS APPLICATION CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL PP SERVICES ARE ORDERED). THE APPLICATION WAS INITIATED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. HIS APPLICATION PROCESS WAS DELAYED SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED AND PLACED ON PROBATION. HE IS NOW IN THE LAST STAGES OF THE PROCESS.

WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR?

LUIS HAS BEEN THROUGH THE ENTIRE INS APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR PROCESSING AND ISSUE THE CARD. OTHER THAN THE GREEN CARD, LUIS DOES NOT HAVE ANY EMANCIPATION NEEDS. HE HAS BEEN WANTING TO RETURN TO MOTHER'S HOME AND SHE HAS WANTED HIM TO COME HOME, BUT THE COURT HAS REFUSED BECAUSE WE CANNOT GO THROUGH THE INS PROCESS ON FM CASES. AFTER HE RECEIVES THE GREEN CARD HE WILL LIVE WITH MOTHER AND HIS NEEDS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN HER HOME.

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NOW TO EMANCIPATE THIS YOUTH FROM DEPENDENCY STATUS AND DCFS SUPERVISION?

AS SOON AS THE GREEN CARD COMES THROUGH WE WILL WALK THE MATTER ON TO COURT TO RETURN LUIS TO HIS MOTHER AND TERMINATE THE CASE. THERE ARE NO CHILD SAFETY ISSUES IN RETURNING HIM TO MOTHER'S HOME.

CHILD'S NAME (LAST NAME FIRST)	AGE	CASE #	REGION	RA AND TELEPHONE # CSW'S NAME
CESAR P.	18	ST # 6392784 CWS# 0719-1865-1094-6004405	III METRO NORTH	Tedji Dessalegn, RA (213) 639-4813 ANEL GARCIA, CSW

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH TO SUCCESSFULLY EMANCIPATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

SSI FUNDING IS NEEDED BEFORE CESAR CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO ADULT REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES. CESAR'S DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS WERE RECOGNIZED OVER A YEAR AGO. THE NEED FOR SSI FUNDING AND REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES WAS DETERMINED APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS AGO AND SSI WAS APPLIED FOR. SSI WAS DENIED IN APRIL 2001 AND REAPPLIED FOR IN MAY OR JUNE. THE DELAYS HAVE HAD MUCH MORE TO DO WITH REGIONAL CENTER'S PROCESSTHAN ANYTHING NOT DONE BY DCFS.

WHY HAVEN'T THESE NEEDS BEEN MET THROUGH OUR EMANCIPATION EFFORTS SO FAR?

SSI HAS BEEN IN PROCESS AND WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED THREE MONTHS AGO, BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. CESAR WAS PREVIOUSLY IN MACLAREN AND WAS THEN PLACED IN A REGIONAL CENTER FACILITY (WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MACLAREN STAFF. THAT PLACEMENT FAILED WHEN CESAR BECAME ASSAULTIVE. OBTAINING ANOTHER REGIONAL CENTER PLACEMENT HAS BEEN DELAYED PARTLY BECAUSE THE SSI HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NOW TO EMANCIPATE THIS YOUTH FROM DEPENDENCY STATUS AND DCFS SUPERVISION?

THE CSW IS CONTINUING TO TRY TO WORK WITH THE REGIONAL CENTER WORKER TO HAVE THE SSI PROCESS COMPLETED SO JURISDICTION CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO REGIONAL CENTER FOR PLACEMENT. WE WILL WALK THE MATTER ON FOR TERMINATION OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION AS SOON AS THAT IS IN PLACE.